

In the matter of FCC Docket 12-338

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Dear Commissioners:

I am in favor of the proposal to upgrade the status of the Amateur Radio Service to Primary User from 1.9 to 2.0 MHz.

I am an active Radio Amateur. I also volunteer in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for North Carolina.

The spectrum at 1.8-2.0 MHz allows for dependable, regional communication utilizing short range, Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS). Therefore, it is of considerable importance to emergency preparedness for the Amateur Radio Service. While we already have Primary User status from 1.8-1.9 MHz, in times of heavy traffic, this will not prove sufficient.

I am also in favor of the new allocation at 137 KHz.

An allocation at 137 KHz. opens up the possibility for experimentation using a part of the spectrum unavailable to Amateurs since the very early days of radio. Many new technologies now exist and can continue to be improved upon if the Amateur Radio Service is permitted an allocation here.

I urge the Commission to adopt both measures.

Respectfully submitted,

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